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SUGGESTIONS FOR TRIMMING TREES

Professor Miller of M. A. C. Writes to Local Civic League.

CRITICIZES METHODS USED

Also Gives Valuable Suggestions for Beautifying the City Forestry

The receipt of the following letter by the president of the Civic League, brought the league's attention to the manner in which tree-trimming was being done in Alma at present. At its regular meeting last week the league decided to call in expert opinion with the result that Professor Gilson of Michigan Agricultural college spent some time here Monday the fifth, with a committee composed of Mayor McKinney, Mr. C. F. Brown of the Alma Record, Mr. J. F. Sartor of the Alma Journal, and Profs. McCurdy and Mitchell of Alma college. The letter follows:

Mrs. Francis King,
Dear Madam:—
The writer you may remember as the man who doctored your trees two years ago. To begin with I am not in the tree-surgery business any longer hence the following will not be in the form of an advertisement. While waiting between trains in Alma last Saturday, I walked about the city and noticed a great deal of tree-trimming. That is why I am writing you. The men who are trimming these trees are "topping" them, that is, cutting the tops off so that all trees will be of even height. This is one of the worst ways of trimming trees and results in the stubs dying back to the first branch, leaving ugly dead stubs sticking up. I believe you are interested in beautifying Alma and therefore decided to write you.

Trusting that you will not think me impertinent and hoping that the work I did for you has proven satisfactory, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
O. R. MILLER,
(Ass't Coach of Athletics.)

Dept. of Athletics, M. A. C., East Lansing, Michigan.
May 29, 1916
The following is the report by Prof. Gilson with some suggestions:

"In nearly every town or city there are some indications that best judgment has not been shown in caring for street trees. This statement is not made in the spirit of criticism for any particular municipality because the condition is almost universal. On the other hand the citizens of Alma deserve commendation for being alert when there is any evidence that valuable shade trees are being mistreated. The ornamental value of a tree can be greatly enhanced by proper pruning or very nearly destroyed by careless work or lack of intelligence of this particular phase of tree work. The operation that is known as "topping" or "heading back" destroys the ornamental value of shade trees for many years, and old trees and slow growing species never regain their true form. Other serious results are unsoundness of the bark on the south sides and the fostering of decay in the ends of the remaining stubs of branches. The object sought by "topping" is usually to make the branches more rugged and to relieve the spindling appearance. The cause of their being slender is too sharp competition between limbs where each is struggling to reach the light. The remedy is not "topping", but cutting out of the weaker and more imperfectly shaped branches to allow the remaining ones to develop laterally rather than longitudinally.

A common inquiry is regarding the best season to prune. The only time of the year when danger is great is from early spring until the leaves are full grown. Light summer pruning causes no appreciable injury and there is the added advantage that while the foliage is intact the tree pruner can so judge each tree as to get the best ornamental effect as a result.

"In most cities where street trees are not publicly controlled, there is much variation in the height to which the side limbs are allowed to remain. Regarding this subject a rather definite rule can be laid down. Upon large trees, the branches overhanging the street or highway should be removed to great enough height that the highest load commonly passing through the streets will not come in contact with them even when laden with snow, sleet or ice. Over the sidewalk or pathway the foliage should be kept pruned high enough not to interfere with pedestrians carrying umbrellas even though climatic agencies have caused the branches to

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SCHOOL PROGRAM

Good Crowd Attend Program at High School Last Friday

The program given under the auspices of the public schools last Friday night was well attended. Over three hundred being present. The proceeds of the entertainment, \$31.75, will go toward the purchasing of a phonograph for the school.

The program was entertaining and interesting. The kindergarten pupils gave a May-pole dance, the fifth and sixth grades rendered the cantata, "Greeting the Gipsy Queen." The girls' gymnasium class of the high school featured a series of gymnastic drills.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Harold Jenkins of Crystal stopped off at this city, Monday, enroute home on a sick furlough. Mr. Jenkins has just returned from France where he was enlisted in a Canadian regiment. He has some interesting data regarding life in the trenches.

METHODIST CHURCH TO INSTALL PIPE ORGAN

To Re-decorate Building—Install Steam Heat and Make Other Improvements

A vigorous campaign for \$7,000 has been launched by the Methodist church of this city, to make many needed improvements to the building. Among the most important will be the installation of a pipe organ. The church has an excellent location to build in an instrument, and the fund is rapidly growing, to help make the purchase. The rapidly increasing Sunday school attendance has created the demand for more room in this department. Many of the classes are crowded, which causes great inconvenience. The entire basement will be remodelled. Folding doors, will be used for the partitions and it is planned to make use of the entire basement. Heretofore only the front part has been in active use.

A steam heating plant will be installed and the entire church will be re-decorated and re-varnished. On Sunday, May 21st over \$3,500 was raised to help make the improvement and the remainder of the fund is rapidly diminishing. The congregation are to be congratulated upon the active steps being taken to give Alma several of the best and well equipped churches in this part of the state.

TO GIVE "THE HOLY CITY"

Annual High School Chorus Concert Friday Night

The high school chorus will give their annual concert this Friday evening at the school auditorium. They will present the famous oratorio by Gail, "The Holy City." The chorus of 180 voices will be under the direction of Miss Mae Jones. The principal roles will be sung by Miss Rosalie Netzer, soprano; Miss Gladys Bradner, contralto; G. V. Wright, tenor; and Professor Veatch, bass.

An admission of twenty-five cents will be charged, which will go toward purchasing a phonograph for the schools.

WITH HONORS

The friends of Miss Theo Amsbury may be interested to know that she graduates, with honors, from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, this month, being one of three members of the graduating class to win gold medals.

In 1915 she won a gold medal in the Teacher's Certificate class of the conservatory. Miss Amsbury will return to Chicago in September for post graduate work.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday June 11th at I. O. O. F. all branches of the fraternity and Fitz James Lodge No. 95 Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will hold joint memorial services in I. O. O. F. Temple at 2:30 o'clock.

All members of the several branches of the orders and their friends are invited and are urged to attend.

REPUBLIC DANCING PARTY

The employees of the Republic Motor Truck Co., held a delightful dancing party at the Weese hall last Friday evening. About forty couples were present. Dancing was continued till a late hour. Medler's orchestra of five pieces furnished the music.

SHOW DAY JULY 13

The Haggenback-Wallace great combined shows will exhibit at this city of July the 13th. They will pitch tent on the Michigan Sugar company's grounds in the east part of the city, west of Swift & Co.'s plant.

COMMENCEMENT AT LOCAL COLLEGE

Have Arranged Excellent Program, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

BACCALAUREATE THIS SUNDAY

Rev. Joseph A. Vance to Deliver Commencement Address Wednesday Morning

Next Sunday will open the annual ceremonies of the Alma College Twenty-ninth Annual commencement. Several excellent speakers have been secured and elaborate preparations have been made for the occasion.

Among the public sessions are the Farwell communion at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and the baccalaureate address Sunday evening at the same church by the President, Harry Means Crooks.

Beginning with Monday morning chapel services the program follows: Monday, June 12—9:00 a. m. Final Chapel service with presentation of emblems and medals won in athletics, oratory and debate. 4:00 p. m. Kindergarten Class day in gymnasium. 8:30 p. m. Faculty-Trustees dinner at home of President and Mrs. Crooks. 8:00 p. m. Senior Sing at Hood museum.

Tuesday, June 13—9:00 a. m. Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. 10:00 a. m. Graduating Piano recital by Miss Eva Barnes. 12 m. Alumni luncheon and reunion in the grove. 2:30 p. m. Presentation of flagpole to college by Class 1903. Presentation by Rev. Hugh N. Ronald. 7:03. Acceptance by Rev. James M. Barkley, D. D., L. L. D., President of Board of Trustees. 8:30 p. m. Alumni-College baseball game. 8:00 p. m. Senior promenade on the campus. 9:00 p. m. President's reception at home of President and Mrs. Crooks. All friends of the college invited.

Wednesday, June 14—10:00 a. m. Commencement, college chapel. Address by Rev. Joseph A. Vance, D. D., "The Soul of America." Presentation of diplomas and state certificates. Awarding of honors and medals. 1:00 p. m. Commencement luncheon, Wright Hall.

THE PARK

It has been suggested by some, that in view of the report of Prof. Gilson, of the Agricultural College, which appears in this issue, that some steps be taken to do something for our public park, making it a more attractive place for the use of the public. As it is, the shade is so dense that nothing in the shape of grass can be grown and the majority of it is bare ground. By taking out some of the trees leaving a liberal amount of shade, grass, shrubbery and flowers might be grown making it attractive. As it is now, very few of our people ever visit it, for the reasons given. Were it put in shape picnic parties and other gatherings would be held there and some use and enjoyment got out of it. This is a capital proposition for the Civic League who are doing such noble work in beautifying our city, to take hold of.

R. N. AND M. W. OF A MEMORIAL

Last Sunday the R. N. of A., and M. W. of A., held their Memorial services in the I. O. O. F. hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, potted plants and the lodge colors, purple and white. The march was led by Rev. J. W. Priest and Mrs. H. N. Stoddard, followed by the officers of the R. N. of A., and M. W. of A., degree team and the officers of the Woodmen. The Royal Neighbors gave the preliminary opening in a very beautiful and impressive manner. The address given by Rev. J. W. Priest and the solos sang by Miss Ruth Palmer helped to make the service one of the best ever held in this city.

I. O. O. F. OFFICERS

At their semi-annual election, held last Monday evening, the Odd Fellows elected the following officers for the ensuing term:
N. G.—J. D. Helman.
V. G.—Wm. Rogers.
Sec.—C. H. Walker.
Treas.—B. L. Walker.
Trustee—B. L. Walker.
Rep. G. L.—H. Moran and H. L. White.
Alternates—J. G. Walker and Chas. Vine.

NOTICE

Parties wishing a dray for freight or baggage leave word at Record office and your wants will be cared for.
BAMBER'S DRAY LINE.

THE ALUMNI MEET

First of Its Kind Ever Held in Montcalm County

On Saturday evening last, the Eighth Grade Alumni association, the first of its kind ever held in Montcalm county, held its banquet at the Douglass school house, Ferris. Forty alumni and friends joined in the grand march to the dining tables.

Vern Johnson, a former student of Alma college, as toastmaster, was enthusiastically received and kept the house in an uproar while telling tales of the pioneer days of the school.

He handled the following program in his interesting and efficient manner: Address of welcome—Toastmaster, V. Johnson.

"My Experiences as a Teacher"—Mary Holland.

Vocal duet—"The Boat Song"—Mer-ton Wilson, Robert Woodard.

"Youth"—Mrs. W. Ferris.

"America"—Elmer Holland.

Vocal solo—"The Little Irish Girl"—Lela Davenport.

Recitation—"How We Boys Whipped the Skool Teacher"—George Wilson.

"What I Expect in High School"—Henry Holland.

Solo—"The Weaver"—Mary Holland.

A Message From Harry Marvin of the Mt. Pleasant Normal read by Hazel Wilson.

"Then Continuance of Education"—Winnie Wilson.

Following the program all joined in singing "America."

COMPLIMENTARY RECITAL

Advanced Students in Music Give Pleasing Program

In spite of the rain a fair sized audience greeted the Advanced Pupils of the Department of the college at their annual May recital, last Wednesday evening. An excellent program had been arranged, and every number was thoroughly appreciated, and showed the efforts of careful training by the instructors. The program opened with the Air De Ballet by Chamade, played by Beryl Hazelton. The vocal numbers by Vernie Green were very pleasing. Hazel Tuck and Ellen Lind were well received, playing a selection by Godard and Lack.

Miss Eva Barnes gave the last number of the program, playing the difficult Scherzo, in B flat minor, by Chopin. Miss Barnes displayed exceptional talent and her interpretation of the selection was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE

Samuel Wheeler and Miss Lena Jessup were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, last Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony. Both young people are well and favorably known in this community. The groom has been working on a farm near the city and the bride teaching in one of the rural schools. They will make their future home in Emerson.

UNION SERVICES

During the months of July and August, union services will be held on Sunday evening in the various churches in the city. The sermon will be preached by the ministers in turn. This manner of spending the evenings of the two months has been found exceedingly profitable. Last year especially so. The order of services and name of preacher will be published later. Time of beginning as usual. The churches uniting are: United Brethren, Church of Christ, Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal. The Methodists would not join.

SWIMMING POOL

Mayor McKinney is agitating the question of a public swimming pool for boys. Such a place could be made at a very little expense and would be a capital idea. The small boy will go swimming and there is no fit place without going into the country. There is an ordinance against going in swimming in the corporate limits, this is very rarely enforced and boys and men are seen on the State street bridge in attire unfit by passers by to witness. We hope the mayor will continue the good work.

BEAUTIFY ALMA

There are many things that can be done to beautify our city and one is the cleaning up of the river banks by property owners through the city. If each person owning property on the river would make an effort along this line it would materially assist in making the river and pond through Alma more beautiful.

MASONIC RESIDENT EXPIRES

Thomas Bennett an aged resident of the Masonic home, died at that place, last Wednesday. The deceased was single and followed the occupation of a hotel clerk for many years. He was a native of England.

ALMA WINS AT COUNTY MEET

Carry Off Honors on Rain Soaked Clay Track Last Saturday.

THIRD SUCCESSIVE VICTORY

Breckenridge Second and Ithaca Third—Breckenridge Wins Relay

Running on a rain soaked clay track, the Alma high school track team ran away with the Gratiot County Track meet for the third successive years, scoring 64½ points, and retains the county cup for all time. Captain Davis of the Alma team was high scorer. He pulled the feature of the day, when after being sure of high honors, held back and allowed a teammate to cop the 44 yard dash.

Breckenridge was a poor second with 34½ points, and Ithaca third with 19. St. Louis landed fourth with 12 points and Middleton fifth with 3. No other schools scored. Alma is figuring on being around the top at the Michigan Interscholastic at East Lansing, this Saturday.

Summaries:
Pole vault—Bailey, Breckenridge, 1st; Anderson, Breckenridge, 2nd; Stevens, Alma, 3rd; Emery, Alma, 4th. Height 10 feet, 2 inches.

High jump—Bailey, Breckenridge, 1st; Emery, Alma, 2nd; McKenzie, Breckenridge, 3rd; Wilson, St. Louis, 4th. Height 5 feet, 5½ inches.

Discus—Wells, Ithaca, 1st; Cash, Alma, 2nd; Sadtler, Alma, 3rd; Campbell, Alma, 4th. Distance 96 feet, 4½ inches.

Half mile—Sawvill, Breckenridge, 1st; Hayward, Alma, 2nd; Ringle, Middleton, 3rd; Thompson, Middleton, 4th. Time 2:18.1.

220 yard dash—Davis, Alma, 1st; Emery, Alma, 2nd; Sackett, Ithaca, 3rd; Bailey, Breckenridge, 4th. Time 24.1.

100 yard dash—Davis, Alma, 1st; Brown, Ithaca, 2nd; Kress, Alma, 3rd; Wheaton, Alma, 4th. Time 11 sec.

Broad jump—Emery, Alma, 1st; Kress, Alma, 2nd; Anderson, Breckenridge, 3rd; Cligourney, St. Louis, 4th. Distance 19 feet, 3 inches.

1 mile run—Sawvill, Breckenridge, 1st; Barker, St. Louis, 2nd; Walker, Alma, 3rd; Wilks, Alma, 4th. Time 5:51.

220 yard low hurdles—Davis, Alma, 1st; Kress, Alma, 2nd; Hurschburger, Alma, 3rd; Munn, Breckenridge, 4th. Time 29.1.

Shot put—Wells, Ithaca, 1st; Brown, St. Louis, 2nd; Emery, Alma, 3rd; Kress, Alma, 4th. Distance 39 feet, 3 inches.

440 yard dash—Wheaton, Alma, 1st; Davis, Alma, 2nd; Sawvill, Breckenridge, 3rd; Emmons, Alma, 4th. Time 57.1.

Relay—Breckenridge, 1st; Ithaca, 2nd; St. Louis, 3rd. Time 1:47 (Time of Alma team which finished first, but was disqualified by referee Dunham of Alma college.)

THEY ORGANIZE

At the adjourned meeting of the Alma Home & Improvement company last Thursday night, preliminary work for electing officers and completing the organization was taken up. A nominating committee was appointed and after consultation brought in the list of the following nominations, six in number, from which five were selected and elected, who were to act as temporary directors. Those elected were: Jotham Allen, P. W. Cresser, A. P. Cook, Carl Washburn and Chas. G. Rhodes.

The soliciting committee reported \$18,000 stock already subscribed and it was decided to incorporate for \$35,000. The newly selected directors met on Friday night and organized as follows:

President—Jotham Allen.
Sec. and treas.—A. P. Cook.
Articles of incorporation were at once filed with the secretary of state and the company will be ready for business in a few days.

A call for 10 per cent of the subscription has been made, when this has been paid in a stockholders meeting will be held and the forming of the company ratified. Several have already expressed a desire to have houses built.

"THE SUNLIGHT TRAIL"

The Rev. Joseph H. Green delivered an excellent address last Sunday night at the First Presbyterian church to the combined bodies of the Y. M. and the Y. W. C. A. The subject of his discourse was "Blazing the Sunlight Trail." He was greeted by a large audience who heartily enjoyed his address.

CUPID AT FIRST STATE

Bank's Bookkeeper Marries St. Louis Young Lady Sunday

One of the first incidents of note to happen to the force of the First State Bank since their removal to new quarters was to have their efficient bookkeeper Albert Dumas, quietly marry a St. Louis young lady, last Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Lutheran minister of that city at the bride's home at five-thirty. A few immediate friends and relatives being present. Mr. Dumas and his bride, formerly Miss Elsie Lindner, are spending a two weeks' honeymoon at Mr. Dumas home in Montreal.

NEW STORY THIS WEEK

With this week's issue of the Record, we start the great Rex Beach serial "The Iron Trail." It is one of those rip-roaring northern stories which cannot help but interest all our readers.

KAZOO GETS B. B. PEN-NANT; HILLSDALE, TRACK

Alma Falls From Its Old Standard, Placing Next to Last

The Kalamazoo college base ball team is again posing as the Michigan Intercollegiate baseball champion, the Celery city team having made a big cleanup at the finals last Friday and Saturday.

In the Friday games, Hillsdale went to defeat before Kalamazoo, after having the Orange and Black beaten 6 to 0 at the end of the seventh inning. Kalamazoo made a great finish, tied the scoring in the last two innings of the regulation game, and then walloped Hillsdale 8 to 6 in the over time. The game went to a dozen innings. Olivet's star twirler, Loomis, was found by Albion and hit hard. Albion taking a 4 to 2 victory, two home runs counting heavily in the victory.

On Saturday, Kalamazoo college was able to defeat Albion with ease, Conrad holding the Methodists, while his team was pounding out runs. The finals also, securing the pennant giving for the field day dinner. Kalamazoo must be stopped next year, or she will earn the right to keep the base ball cup for all time. Get busy with the losses other teams will meet, it means Alma to the front.

Rolling up a record score for a Michigan Intercollegiate track and field meet, the Hillsdale college track-veterans had an easy time in landing first place at the annual June classic last week Friday and Saturday with 65 points. Kalamazoo college finished in second place with 32 points and Albion college third with 29. Olivet landed fourth scoring six points and Alma college brought up the rear of the scoring teams with two points. Adrian failed to score.

BANKERS MEET

Gratiot County Association Banquet at Wright House

The Gratiot County Bankers Association, held one of their good fellowship meetings at the Wright House last Thursday evening. An excellent banquet was served by the hotel management. All of the banks, with the exception of one, in the county were represented. The object of the association is to bring to closer relations the various banking houses of the county, and their employees. The next meeting of the association will be held at St. Louis.

NEW SHEDS

The Little Rock Coal & Lumber Co., are just completing new lumber sheds at their yard at the foot of Park street. One shed is 45x150 and is a very commodious building. This is arranged in sections for different kinds of lumber and building material. They report that new business is opening up fine. They are in position to not only furnish the lumber and material but will do the building for those who desire.

TUG OF WAR TIE

The annual Soph-Fresh tug-of-war was pulled off last Monday afternoon, resulted in a tie. Neither side succeeded in obtaining the highest hopes of their ambition, in other words to pull their opponents into the waters of the Pine river. A goodly number of town people witnessed the match.

RUN DOWN BY TRUCK

Kenneth Holmes, a youth residing on E. Superior street was run down by a motor truck last Saturday. The lad was riding a bicycle, which was mashed, and he sustained a broken leg. The accident happened at the junction of Court and Superior Streets.

CONVENTIONS IN GRAND UPROAR

Weather Dampens Spirits of Republican Gathering Wednesday

PROGRESSIVES FOR "TEDDY"

Michigan to Cast Twenty-nine Votes for Justice Hughes

All is storm in Chicago, the convention city, this week. With the opening of the Progressive National convention, Wednesday session, the Progressives took possession of the auditorium and with yells, singing and cheers, aided by genuine bull-fight music, marched up and down the aisles shouting their favorite passage of scripture, "We want Teddy." This demonstration lasted a full hour and twenty minutes. Several of the leaders discussed the matter of requesting the police to stop the riot, but the majority was of the opinion to let them have the "blow" out, and then go on with the convention program.

Michigan for Hughes
At a caucus Wednesday afternoon, twenty-nine of the thirty delegates for our state announced their decision by ballot to cast the votes for Hughes. H. T. Stanton, the Grand Rapids delegates will probably be the only one to cast his vote for Roosevelt. Kelly, the upper peninsula delegate, states while his personal choice is for Root, he will stand with the bunch to make a solid front for Hughes on the second ballot.

G. O. P. More Quiet
The assemblage of over 12,000 at the Coliseum at the Republican National convention were rather down in spirits. Harding's defense appeal helped stir up a little enthusiasm, but the down pour of rain together with a cold bitter wind took the pep out of the old party leaders and the day passed off fairly quiet in comparison with the wild rampages at the auditorium by the Bull Mooseers.

The conservative element of both the Republican and Bull Moose parties are trying to get together and agree on a candidate that is acceptable to both, at the present time it looks like Hughes. The first ballot will probably be taken Friday morning with little prospects of a conclusion this week.

NAMED TO ANNAPOLIS

Harry F. Stevens of Breckenridge, member of the senior class of Alma high school, has been notified by Congressman Joseph Fordney of his recommendation for appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis. Stevens is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens. Harry's friends congratulate him on his good luck.

BUYS CIGAR FACTORY

Last Saturday a deal was closed whereby D. L. Breese is the new proprietor of the cigar factory on Woodworth formerly owned by J. C. Foster. Mr. Breese has been an employee of Mr. Foster for several years and is a young man of excellent business qualities and no doubt will push the business to the limit. The same well known, high grade brands will still be made, such as the Judge Case (three sizes) Alma Boosters, and many others of the best sellers in this section.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I wish to announce that I am a candidate for nomination for Representative in the state legislature on the Republican ticket and solicit the support of all who think I am a suitable man for the position.

HARRY C. ROSE,
Ashley, Mich.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

At the solicitation of friends, I have decided to become a candidate for re-nomination on the Republican ticket for Register of Deeds, I have done my best to administer this office promptly, accurately and in the interest of all citizens of the county. If I have succeeded I would greatly appreciate your support.

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